

Taxes levied, and their amount fixed and adjusted; the representation of the Counties is to be apportioned; and all the expenses of the new government is to be settled, and whether our burdens are to be light or heavy, whether we are to be free or oppressed, must be determined. The consequences of the action of the first Legislature will be long felt for good or ill. Under these circumstances, we call upon our friends in the country to reflect, and to act with that deliberation, in preparing for the State Government and in the selection of members of the next Legislature, which the importance of the occasion and the momentous interests at stake, demand of all. The power lies with the country, and we trust it may be exercised with discretion and fidelity. They are called upon to act not only for themselves, but for their children. As the stream is now caused to flow, so it will continue. Great effort will be required to divert from its wanted channel. Reflect seriously, deliberate cautiously, determine justly, and act patriotically.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL RICHARD ZAHIGIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Richard Zahigian for his service and dedication to the United States Marine Corps. In addition, I would like to recognize his book, *The Other Side of Conflict*, which chronicles his stateside service to his country in the Vietnam Era, between the years of 1966–1968.

While his exemplary career spanned a number of years, his service in the Marine Corps was highlighted on December 22, 1967. On that date, Corporal Zahigian was the honored recipient of the "Meritorious Mast" for his performance and devotion to duty, in keeping with the highest tradition of the Naval Service, as the "Lone Marine" of McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey.

The *Other Side of Conflict* is dedicated to the generations of young people who served in the Armed Forces, to Corporal Zahigian's fellow Vietnam Era veterans who trained alongside him, and especially to all those who did not return.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Corporal Richard Zahigian for his selfless dedication to this country and the freedoms that we enjoy. Please join me in celebrating Richard's career and literary success.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN NURSES DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a remarkable group of dedicated health professionals—the nearly 3 million registered nurses in the United States.

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These outstanding men and women of every race, creed and ethnic background will celebrate National Nurses Week May 6–12, 2001. This week is set aside as a special week to recognize those who have worked hard to save lives and maintain the health of millions of individuals. I believe that all Americans who have ever been cared for or comforted by a nurse should celebrate National Nurses Week.

According to the American Nurses Association, National Nurse Week was first observed October 11–16, 1954, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of modern nursing by Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. National Nurses Day and Week was eventually moved to May to incorporate Florence Nightingale's birthday, which is May 12th.

This year, the American Nurses Association (ANA) and its 53 constituent associations will highlight the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. Studies show that the higher the ratio of nurse-to-patients in a hospital, the lower the patient death rate. In short, registered nurses provide top-quality, cost effective health care services for their patients.

Mr. Speaker, I commend all of America's nurses during this week of May 6–12, 2001 and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO MARK BROXMEYER

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mark Broxmeyer; entrepreneur, community activist, and friend. On the occasion of today's dinner, benefiting the Greene Emergency Center of the North Shore University Hospital, it is appropriate to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated himself to improving our communities.

Twenty-eight years ago, Mr. Broxmeyer founded Fairfield Properties, which, through years of hard work and determination, has grown into a complex network of properties including over 8,000 units in Long Island and beyond. His professional success has earned him the respect of many in the fields of building and real estate, resulting in a cover story on his success in *Builder* and *Remodeler* News and a profile in the real estate section of the *New York Times*.

Mr. Broxmeyer has also been a devoted community activist. His enthusiasm for our communities on Long Island has resulted in his being named "Man of the Year" by the United Cerebral Palsy Association and an Advocacy Award from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He was appointed by former President Bush to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank for the New York Region. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Broxmeyer has also served as the Vice President for the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and he was the recipient of a Leadership Award from the Jewish Institute for National

Security Affairs, given to him personally by our former colleague, Secretary Jack Kemp.

He has also been active in his Alma Mater, Hofstra University, from which he has received an Alumni achievement award and made a member of the Board of Trustees.

Most important of all, I have come to respect his commitment to his family. As an entrepreneur, demands on Mark's time must be tremendous, yet he still finds time for his children Michael, Evan, Marissa, Daniel, and Becky.

I have been fortunate to know Mark Broxmeyer, and I respect his success and his enthusiasm for his community and his loved ones.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating National Nurses Week. This week is an important reminder of nurses and their continued dedication and concern for their patients every day.

Well trained nurses are the cornerstone of our nation's health system. Currently, hospitals and other health care employers are faced with an emerging nurse shortage. After meeting with several nursing and health care organizations in my district, I believe increased funding of existing nurse education programs and new programs to recruit and retain nurses are desperately needed to provide advanced training and to build the faculty workforce. I am actively working with my colleagues to pursue these goals.

It is important to support the goals and ideas of National Nurses Week, because their impressive level of achievement and accomplishment are a milestone for the nursing profession as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in support and appreciation of these extraordinary individuals.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF OF POLICE DENNIS MINNICH

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Minnich, who was recently appointed the new Chief of Police of West Boylston, Massachusetts.

Chief Minnich brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this important post. He began as a full time Patrolman with the West Boylston Police Department in 1992 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1977 and has also served as Interim Police Chief. Previously, for several years, he was a member of the Police Department of the neighboring town of Boylston. Chief Minnich has expressed a commitment to lead a visible, active police department and to remain fully accessible to the